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"The class action is one of the few legal remedies the small claimant has against those that command the status quo."

**Justice William O. Douglas,
United States Supreme Court**

WOLF HALDENSTEIN ADLER FREEMAN & HERZ LLP

The Firm

Founded in 1888, Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP is a full service law firm with practice groups in corporate/tax, pension/benefits, real estate, trusts and estates, healthcare, labor relations, bankruptcy, limited partnerships, and civil and commercial litigation, with a particular specialty in complex class and shareholder litigation under both federal and state law.

What distinguishes Wolf Haldenstein from other firms is our total-practice approach, supported by the mid-range size and structure of our firm. Our longstanding tradition of a close attorney/client relationship ensures that each one of our clients receives prompt, individual attention and does not become lost in an institutional bureaucracy. Our team approach is at the very heart of Wolf Haldenstein's practice. All of our lawyers are readily available to all of our clients and to each other. The result of this approach is that we provide our clients with an efficient legal team having the broad perspective, expertise and experience required for any matter at hand. We are thus able to provide our clients with cost effective and thorough counsel focused on our clients' overall goals.

The Firm has its principal office with lawyers in the various practice areas, at 270 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. The firm's general telephone number in New York is (212) 545-4600. The fax number in New York is (212) 545-4653. The firm also has offices at Symphony Towers, 750 B Street, Suite 2770, San Diego, CA 92101, telephone: (619) 239-4599, fax: (619) 234-4599; 656 W. Randolph Street, Suite 500W, Chicago, IL 60661, telephone: (312) 466-9200, fax: (312) 466-9292; and 625 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401. The firm's web site is accessible at <http://www.whafh.com>.

The Wolf Haldenstein Class Action Litigation Group

Wolf Haldenstein's Class Action Litigation Group has been recognized by courts throughout the country as being highly experienced in complex litigation, particularly with respect to securities, consumer, ERISA, and antitrust class actions and shareholder rights litigation. The Class Action Litigation Group consists of 15 partners, 15 counsel and associates and 10 paraprofessional assistants. Brief resumes of each of the attorneys begin on page 10.

Also included are the resumes of some attorneys from other areas of the Firm's practice who routinely lend their expertise to the Firm's class action litigators in the areas of tax, bankruptcy, corporate, trusts, labor, and ERISA law. The ability to call upon the internal expertise of practitioners in such varied areas of the law greatly enhances the strength and efficiency of the Firm's representative litigation practice and, indeed, makes Wolf Haldenstein unique among national firms specializing in class action litigation.

The nature of the Firm's activities in representative litigation is extremely broad. In addition to a large case load of securities fraud and other investor class actions, Wolf Haldenstein has represented classes of corn farmers in connection with the devaluation of their crops; contact lens purchasers for contact lens manufacturers' violations of the antitrust laws; merchants compelled to accept certain types of debit cards; insurance policyholders for insurance companies' deceptive sales practices; victims of unlawful strip searches under the civil rights laws; and various cases involving violations of Internet users' on-line privacy rights.

The Firm's experience in class action securities litigation, and, in particular, public shareholder rights under state law and securities fraud claims arising under the federal securities laws and regulations, including the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA"), is particularly extensive. The Firm was one of the lead or other primary counsel in securities class action cases that have recouped billions of dollars on behalf of investor classes, in stockholder rights class actions that have resulted in billions of dollars in increased merger consideration to shareholder classes, and in derivative litigation that has recovered billions of dollars for corporations.

Among its colleagues in the plaintiffs' securities bar, as well as among its adversaries in the defense bar, Wolf Haldenstein is known for the high ability of its attorneys, the exceptionally high quality of its written and oral advocacy on behalf of class action clients, and for its pioneering efforts in difficult or unusual areas of securities or investor protection laws, including: groundbreaking claims that have been successfully brought under the Investment Company Act of 1940 regarding fiduciary responsibilities of investment companies and their advisors toward their shareholders; claims under ERISA

involving fiduciary duties of ERISA trustees who are also insiders in possession of adverse information regarding their fund's primary stockholdings, the fiduciary duties of the directors of Delaware corporations in connection with change of control transactions, the early application of the fraud on the market theory to claims against public accounting firms in connection with their audits of publicly traded corporations, and the application of federal securities class certification standards to state law claims often thought to be beyond the reach of class action treatment.

Wolf Haldenstein's performance in representative litigation has repeatedly received favorable judicial recognition. The following representative judicial comments over two decades indicate the high regard in which the Firm is held:

- In *In re MicroStrategy Securities Litigation*, 150 F. Supp. 2d 896, 903 (E.D. Va. 2001), where the Firm was a co-lead counsel, Judge Ellis commented "Clearly, the conduct of all counsel in this case and the result they have achieved for all of the parties confirms that they deserve the national recognition they enjoy."
- In the *In Re Toys R Us Antitrust Litigation*, 98 MDL 1211 (NG) 191 F.R.D. 347, 351, 356 (E.D.N.Y. 2000), where the Firm served as co-lead counsel and liaison counsel, Judge Gershon wrote: "Class counsel are highly skilled and experienced and can fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class . . . Counsel for both the class plaintiffs and the States have well-earned the compensation that they request."
- In *Yud v. Saf T Lok*, No. 98-8507-Civ-Hurley (S.D. Fla. Dec. 15, 1999), where the firm was sole lead counsel, the court stated: "The attorneys have done an outstanding amount of work and fine legal work in a short period of time to bring this class action to resolution in a successful fashion."
- In *Kurzweil v. Philip Morris Companies*, 94 Civ. 2373, 94 Civ. 2546 (MBM) (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 13, 1998), where the Firm was sole lead counsel, now Chief Judge Mukasey, in approving a \$116.5 million settlement stated: "In this case, this represents a lot of good, hard, serious work by a lot of talented lawyers and I appreciate it on both sides."
- In *Paramount Communications v. QVC Network Inc.*; *In re Paramount Communications Inc. Shareholders' Litigation*, 637 A.2d 34, 37 n.2 (Sup. Ct. Del. 1994), where the Firm was co-lead counsel for the Paramount shareholders, the Supreme Court of Delaware noted "its appreciation of . . . the professionalism of counsel in this matter in handling this expedited litigation with the expertise and skill which characterize Delaware proceedings of this nature." The Court further "commended the parties for their professionalism in conducting expedited discovery, assembling and organizing the record, and preparing and presenting very helpful briefs, a joint appendix, and oral argument."

- In *In re Laser Arms Corp. Securities Litigation*, 794 F. Supp. 475, 496 (S.D.N.Y. 1989), where the Firm was lead counsel, the Court stated "plaintiffs' counsel have demonstrated their experience in securities litigation and the Court is confident that counsel will proceed vigorously on behalf of all class and subclass members."
- In *In re Public Service Co. of Indiana Derivative Litigation*, 125 F.R.D. 484, 486 (S.D. Ind. 1988), concerning the construction of the Marble Hill Nuclear Power Plant, where the Firm was lead counsel, the court said "[t]hroughout the life of this litigation, it has been both vigorously prosecuted and aggressively defended by thoroughly competent counsel on all sides."
- In *In re Public Service Co. of New Hampshire Derivative Litigation*, 84-220-D (D.N.H. 1986), involving the construction of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant, where the Firm was lead counsel, the court said of plaintiffs' counsel that "the skill required and employed was of the highest caliber."
- In *In re Warner Communications Securities Litigation*, 618 F. Supp. 735, 749 (S.D.N.Y. 1985), where the Firm served as co-lead counsel, the court said: "plaintiffs' counsel constitute the cream of the plaintiffs' bar.' The Court cannot find fault with that characterization."
- In *Steiner v. Equimark Corp.*, No. 81-1988 (W.D. Pa. 1983), a case involving complex issues concerning banking practices in which the Firm was lead counsel, then District Judge Mannsman described, in part, the work the Firm performed:

We look at the complexity of the issue, the novelty of it, the quality of work that, as the trial judge, I am able to perceive, and then, finally, the amount of recovery obtained: I think I have certainly said a lot in that regard. I think it's been an extraordinary case. I think it's an extraordinary settlement. Certainly defense counsel and plaintiffs' counsel as well are all experienced counsel with a tremendous amount of experience in these particular kinds of cases. And under those circumstances . . . I think it was, really, the strategy and ingenuity of counsel in dividing up the workload and strategizing the cases as to who was to do what and what ultimately should be done to bring about the settlement that was achieved.

Wolf Haldenstein is a leader in the class action litigation field and is currently the Court-appointed lead counsel, co-lead counsel, or executive committee member in some of the largest and most significant class action lawsuits currently pending across the United States, including:

- *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y.).

- *In re Initial Public Offering Antitrust Litigation*, 01 CV 2014 (WHP) (S.D.N.Y.).
- *In re Comdisco Securities Litigation*, 01 C 2110 (N.D. Ill.).
- *In re Bausch & Lomb, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 01 Civ. 6190 (CJS) (W.D.N.Y.).
- *Spagnola v. Kilrea, et al.* (HA-LO, Inc.) 02 C 0270 (N.D. Ill.).
- *In re Pharmatrak, Inc. Privacy Litigation*, MDL Docket No. 1400 (D. Mass.).
- *In re Pre-Paid Securities Litigation*, Civ.-02-182-C (W.D. Okla.).
- *In re Profit Recovery Group International, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 1:00-CV-1416-CC (N.D. Ga.).
- *Johnson v. Aegon USA, Inc.*, 1-02-CV-2617-CAP (N.D. Ga.).
- *Lewis v. Advanced Technical Products, Inc.*, 1:00-CV-1702-WBM (N.D. Ga.).
- *In re AppOnline.com, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 00-CV-4838 (LDW) (WDW) (E.D.N.Y.).
- *Capital One Financial Corp. Securities Litigation*, Civ. No. 02-1069A (E.D. Va.).
- *Sepracor Corp. Securities Litigation*, Civ. No. 02-12238 (D. Mass.).
- *In re Clarus Corp. Securities Litigation*, No. 1:00-CV-2841-CAP (N.D. Ga.).
- *In re Compact Disc. Minimum Advertising Price Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1361 (D. Me.).
- *In re Acclaim Entertainment, Inc., Securities Litigation*, C.A. No. 03-CV-1270 (E.D.N.Y.).
- *In re ARM Financial Group, Inc., Securities Litigation*, C.A. No. 23:99CV-539H (W.D. Ky.).
- *In re Central Parking Corporation Securities Litigation*, 03-CV-0546 (M.D. Tenn.).
- *In re Concord EFS, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 02-CV-2697-Ma. (W.D. Tenn.).
- *In re Globalstar Securities Litigation*, Case No. 01-CV-1748 (SHS) (S.D.N.Y.).
- *Moore, et al. v. Halliburton Company, et al.*, Civil Action No. 02-CV-1152-N (N.D. Tex.).

- *In re Iridium Securities Litigation*, C.A. No. 99-1002 (D.D.C.).
- *Scratchfield, et al. v. Paolo, et al. (Log on America)*, Civ. Action No. 1:01-CV-550 (ML) (D.R.I.).
- *In re MCI Communications Corp. Securities Litig.*, 97-CV-1976 (RWR) (D.D.C.).
- *In re PEC Solutions Securities Litigation*, 03-331-A (E.D. Va.)
- *In re PerkinElmer, Inc., et al.*, Civ. 02-C-11572-GAO (D. Mass.).
- *Sikes v. Winn, et al. (Value America)*, C.A. No. 3:00-CV-0004 (W.D. Va.).
- *In re Vento Corporation Securities Litigation*, Master File No. Civ. 01-1287 SBA (N.D. Cal.).
- *In re Qwest Software, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Master File No. SA-CV-03-1192 (S.D. Cal.).
- *In re Matria Healthcare Inc. Securities Litigation*, 1:03-CV-2001-TWT (N.D. Ga.).
- *In re Emerson Radio Corp. Securities Litigation*, Civil Action No. 03-CV-4201 (D. N.J.).
- *In re BearingPoint, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Civil Action No. 03-CV-1062-A (E.D. Va.).
- *In re Sulfuric Acid Antitrust Litigation*, Master File No. 03 C 4576 (N.D. Ill.).
- *In re Carbon Black Antitrust Litigation*, Master Docket No. 03 CV 10191 (D. Mass.).
- *In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litigation*, Master File No. M 02-1486 (N.D. Cal.).
- *In re New Motors Vehicles Canadian Export Antitrust Litigation*, Master File No. 03 MD 1532 (D. Me.).

Beginning on page 18 is a representative listing of cases in which the Firm has been lead or a primary plaintiffs' counsel and the results achieved in those cases. In addition, a representative list of published decisions in cases in which Wolf Haldenstein has played a lead or other significant role begins on page 21.

Wolf Haldenstein is a leader in the derivative litigation field, and is currently leading counsel in some of the most significant derivative actions pending in the United States, including:

- *In re Qwest Communications International Inc. Derivative Litigation*, 19826-NC (Del. Chan.).
- *In re Tyco International Ltd. Derivative Litigation*, 02-352-B (D.N.H.).
- *Strong Financial Corp. Mutual Fund Derivative Litigation*, 03-C-862 (E.D. Wis. 2003).
- *Janus Capital Management Mutual Fund Derivative Litigation*, 03-5048 (E.D. Pa. 2003).
- *Alliance Capital Management Mutual Fund Derivative Litigation*, 03-CV-5345 (E.D.N.Y. 2003).
- *Bank of America Corp. Mutual Fund Derivative Litigation*, 03-CV-4446 (D.N.J. 2003).
- *Putnam, LLC Mutual Fund Derivative Litigation*, 03-CV-12227 (D. Mass. 2003).
- *Fred Alger Mutual Fund Derivative Litigation*, 03-5958 (E.D.N.Y. 2003).
- *Federated Mutual Fund Derivative Litigation*, 03-1942 (W.D. Pa. 2003).
- *Massachusetts Financial Services Company Mutual Fund Derivative Litigation*, 03-12483 (D. Mass. 2003).
- *Pilgram Baxter Mutual Fund Derivative Litigation*, 03-6522 (E.D. Pa. 2003).
- *Invesco Mutual Fund Derivative Litigation*, 03-MK-2408 (D. Colo. 2003).

PRIVATE ACTIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

In addition to its vast class action practice, the Firm also regularly represents institutional clients such as investment funds, limited partnerships and qualified institutional buyers in non-class federal and state actions concerning a variety of matters, including private placements, disputes with investment advisors, and disputes with corporate management. Examples of such cases include:

- *Steed Finance LDC v. Laser Advisers, Inc.*, 99 Civ. 4222 (PKC)(SDNY), a fraud, negligence, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty action brought by a

hub fund, a related feeder fund and individual investors in the feeder fund against the funds' former investment advisors for mispricing certain securities and derivative instruments in the funds' fixed-income securities portfolio.

- *Diversified Asset Securitization Holdings I, L.P. v. Enterprise Mortgage Acceptance Co, LLC, et al*, 02 Civ. 10228 (SWK) (SDNY), a federal and state securities fraud action brought by limited partnerships that pooled the investments of various insurance companies against the issuer and management and controlling shareholder of the issuer concerning misrepresentations made in connection with a private placement of certificates representing interests in a securitized pool of loans made to franchise operations of car care businesses, gas stations, convenience stores and quick service restaurants.
- *Gramercy Park Investments v. Airfund International*, No. 97-22734B (Super. Ct. Mass.); *Gramercy Park Investments v. The Krupp Realty Fund*, No. 97-1612 (Super. Ct. Mass.); *Geodyne Resources v. Gramercy Park Investments*, No. CJ-96-05548 (Dist. Ct. Okla.); *Gramercy Park Investments v. Wells Real Estate Fund*, No. 97-A-0241-3 (Super. Ct. Ga.); *Gramercy Park Investments v. Swift Energy*, No. 96-61729 (Dist. Ct. Tex.); and *Lexington Family Investments v. Dean Witter*, No. 15217-96 (Sup Ct. N.Y.); actions brought on behalf of institutional investors in state courts throughout the nation demanding inspection of investor lists and other corporate and partnership information.
- *Madison Partnership Liquidity Investors v. American Cable TV Investors*, 97 Civ. 4950 (JSM) (SDNY); and *Madison Partnership Liquidity Investors v. PLM Equipment Growth Fund*, 98 Civ. 4057 (JSM)(SDNY); actions brought on behalf of institutional investors against fund management for improper defensive actions taken in response to investors' acquisitions of large positions in funds.

The firm has also acted as special counsel to investors' committees in efforts to assert the investors' interests without resort to litigation. For example, the firm served as Counsel to the Courtyard by Marriott Limited Partners Committee for several years in its dealings with Host Marriott Corporation, and as Special Counsel to the Windsor Park Properties 7 and 8 limited partners to insure the fairness of their liquidation transactions.

THE CLASS ACTION LITIGATION GROUP

The qualifications of the attorneys in the Wolf Haldenstein Litigation Group are set forth below and are followed by descriptions of some of the Firm's attorneys who normally practice outside the Litigation Group who contribute significantly to the class action practice from time to time.

PARTNERS

DANIEL W. KRASNER: *admitted:* New York; Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, Central District of Illinois, and Northern District of Michigan. *Education:* Yeshiva College (B.A. 1962); Yale Law School (LL.B., 1965). Lecturer: Practicing Law Institute; Rutgers Graduate, School of Business. Member, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Rockland County, New York State and American Bar Associations; Federal Bar Council. Mr. Krasner has lectured frequently before bar groups and has educated groups on securities laws and investors rights. His qualifications have received favorable judicial recognition on many occasions. *See, e.g., Shapiro v. Consolidated Edison Co.*, [1978 Transfer Binder] Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) ¶ 96,364 at 93,252 (S.D.N.Y. 1978) ("... the Court's opinion the reputation, skill and expertise of . . . [Mr.] Krasner, considerably enhanced the probability of obtaining as large a cash settlement as was obtained."); *Steiner v. BOC Financial Corp.*, [1980 Transfer Binder] Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) ¶ 97,656, at 98,491.4, (S.D.N.Y. 1980) ("This Court has previously recognized the high quality of work of plaintiffs' lead counsel, Mr. Krasner"). *The New York Law Journal*, August 1, 1983, at p. 5 (referring to Mr. Krasner as one of the "top rank plaintiffs' counsel" in the securities and class action fields.).

FRED TAYLOR ISQUITH: *admitted:* New York; District of Columbia; Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Eighth Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York, District of Arizona, District of Colorado, Central District of Illinois, Western District of Michigan and District of Nebraska. *Education:* Brooklyn College of the City University of New York (B.A., 1968); Columbia University (J.D., 1971). Author, "Post Arbitration Remedies," for an Introduction to Securities Arbitration (NYSBA, 1994); "A Plaintiff's Lawyer Examines Limited Partnership Roll-ups" for Real Estate Exit Strategies" (American Conference Institute, 1994); Federal Civil Practice Supplement, "Representative Actions," (NYSBA, 2000). Columnist for weekly column "From the Courts," for *The Class Act*, National Association of Securities and Class Action

Attorneys. Lecturer, IPO Tie In/Claims Seminar, Professional Liability Underwriter Society; Securities Arbitration New York State Bar Association; Real Estate Exit Strategies, American Conference Institute; Fundamental Strategies in Securities Litigation (NYSBA, CLE Program). Mediator for New York State Supreme Court, County of New York, Complex Litigation Panel. Member: The Association of the Bar of the City of New York (Committee on: Federal Courts); New York County Lawyers' Association (Former Chair: Business Tort/Consumer Fraud-Tort Law Section); Brooklyn (Member: Committee on Civil Practice Law and Rules, 1983-; Committees on Legislation and Federal Courts, 1984-), New York State (Member: Committee on Legislation, Trial Lawyers Section, 1981-; Committee on Securities, Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, 1989-) and American (Member, Sections on: Litigation; International Law; Individual Rights and Responsibilities) Bar Associations; The District of Columbia Bar. Mr. Isquith has been Chairman of the Business Tort/Consumer Fraud Committee of the Tort Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and is a member of that association's Committees on Securities Law and Legislation. Legislation and Civil Practice Law and Rules of the Brooklyn Bar Association. He is an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and with the Civil Court of the City of New York and a mediator for the ADR Program of the Supreme Court, County of New York. He has served as a judge for the Moot Court Competition of Columbia University Law School and Fordham University's National Competition. President-elect, National Association of Securities and Commercial Law Attorneys. The April 1987 issue of *Venture* magazine listed Mr. Isquith as among the nation's top securities class action attorneys.

JEFFREY G. SMITH: *admitted:* New York; California; Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Ninth Circuits; U.S. Tax Court; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, Southern and Central Districts of California and the Districts of Colorado and Nebraska. *Education:* Vassar College (A.B., *cum laude generali*, 1974); Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, (M.P.A., 1977); Yale Law School (J.D., 1978). At Yale Law School, Mr. Smith was a teaching assistant for the Trial Practice course and a student supervisor in the Legal Services Organization, a clinical program. Member, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York; New York State and American (Section on Litigation) Bar Associations; State Bar of California (Member, Litigation Section). Mr. Smith has frequently lectured on corporate governance issues to professional groups of Fund trustees and investment advisors as well as to graduate and undergraduate business student groups and regularly serves as a moot court judge for the A.B.A. and at New York University Law School. Mr. Smith has substantial experience in complex civil litigation, including class and derivative actions, tender offer, merger, and takeover litigation.

FRANCIS M. GREGOREK: *admitted:* New York; California; U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and Ninth Circuit; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, and Central, Southern and Northern Districts of

California; **Education:** University of Virginia (B.A., with high distinction, 1975); New York University (J.D., 1978); Durham University, Durham, England. Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Alpha Theta. Member, State Bar of California; American Bar Association.

MARY JANE FAIT: **admitted:** New York; Illinois; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and Northern District of Illinois; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. **Education:** St. John's College and University of Illinois (B.A., Economics, 1976); Cornell Law School (J.D., 1979). Member, Chicago Bar Association; Illinois Bar Associations; Antitrust Division of the American Bar Association.

PETER C. HARRAR: **admitted:** New York; U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York. **Education:** Princeton University (A.B., with high honors, 1980); Columbia University (J.D., 1984). Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Harrar has extensive experience in complex securities and commercial litigation on behalf of individual and institutional clients.

LAWRENCE P. KOLKER: **admitted:** New York; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Eleventh Circuits; and U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, Western District of Michigan and the District of Colorado. **Education:** State University of New York at Binghamton (B.A., 1978); Brooklyn Law School (J.D., 1983). Editor, Brooklyn Law Review, 1982-1983. Panelist, Early Neutral Evaluator for the Eastern District of New York, 1992-1997. Lecturer, Brooklyn Law School, 1989. Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of New York, 1983-1987. Member, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York; New York State Bar Association. Mr. Kolker has spoken at numerous conferences of the Investment Program Association and the Strategic Research Institute concerning limited partnership tender offers and litigation strategies, and published articles entitled "Litigation Strategies for Limited Partnership Tender Offers" (February 1996) and "Limited Partnership Five Percent Tender Offers" (October 1997) in *Standard & Poor's Review of Securities and Commodities Regulation*. Mr. Kolker also advises investment banking firms in transactional matters.

MARK C. RIFKIN: **admitted:** Pennsylvania; New Jersey; U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fifth, and D.C. Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Eastern and Western Districts of Pennsylvania, the District of New Jersey, the Eastern District of Wisconsin and the Western District of Michigan. **Education:** Princeton University (A.B., 1982); Villanova University School of Law (J.D. 1985). Contributor, *PACKEL & POULIN, Pennsylvania Evidence* (1987). Mr. Rifkin has extensive experience in complex class and derivative actions in securities, antitrust, intellectual property, and consumer protection litigation. Mr. Rifkin has lectured before diverse business and professional organizations in the areas of securities and complex litigation and corporate governance.

MICHAEL JAFFE: **admitted:** California; New York; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. **Education:** University of California at

Berkeley (B.S., with highest distinction, 1982); Hastings College of the Law, University of California (J.D., 1987). Judicial Extern to the Honorable Thelton E. Henderson, Northern District of California, 1986-1987. Member: The Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Languages: French.

BETSY C. MANIFOLD: *admitted:* Wisconsin; New York; California; U.S. District Courts for the Western District of Wisconsin, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, and Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California. *Education:* Elmira College; Middlebury College (B.A., *cum laude*, 1980); Marquette University (J.D., 1986); New York University. Thomas More Scholar. Recipient, American Jurisprudence Award in Agency. Member: The Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Languages: French.

GREGORY M. NESPOLE: *admitted:* New York; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. *Education:* Bates College (B.A., 1989); Brooklyn Law School (J.D., 1993). Member, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York; New York State Bar Association. Mr. Nespole's experience includes complex civil and criminal litigation.

DAVID L. WALES: *admitted:* New York; District of Columbia; United States Court of Appeals for the Second and Fourth Circuits, the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York, and the District of Columbia. *Education:* State University of New York, Albany (BA, *magna cum laude*, 1984); Georgetown University Law Center, (J.D., *cum laude*, 1987); Notes and Comments Editor, Georgetown Journal of Law and Technology. Mr. Wales was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York (1992-1998), where he specialized in investigating and prosecuting fraud and white collar criminal cases. Mr. Wales has extensive jury trial experience.

FRANCIS A. BOTTINI, JR.: *admitted:* California; Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Central and Northern Districts of California. *Education:* St. Louis University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1990); University of San Diego (J.D., *cum laude*, 1994). Recipient, American Jurisprudence Award in Property. Lead Articles Editor, San Diego Law Review, 1993-1994. Licensed Real Estate Broker, California. Author, "An Examination of the Current Status of Rating Agencies and Proposals for Limited Oversight of Such Agencies," 30 San Diego Law Review 579, 1993; "People v. Wheeler: A Pyrrhic Victory For The Prosecution?," 27 Beverly Hills Bar Assoc. Journal 140, 1993. *The Federal Sentencing Guidelines For Organizations: Effects On Sentencing And Implications For Imposition Of Vicarious Liability*, 22 Academy of Legal Studies In Business National Proceedings 149 (1993), republished in part, *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, October 13, 1994; *Internal Corporate Investigations Under The Federal Sentencing Guidelines For Organizations: Suggestions For Their Conduction And Disclosure Duties Under The Federal Securities Laws*, 23 Academy of Legal Studies in Business National Proceedings (1994). Adjunct Professor, Business Law, University of San Diego, 1995-1997. Mr.

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DEMET BASAR: *admitted:* New York; New Jersey; U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, and Southern District of New York. *Education:* Fairleigh Dickinson University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1984), Phi Omega Epsilon; Rutgers University School of Law (J.D., 1990). Recipient, West's Scholarship Award, Senior Notes and Comments Editor, Rutgers Law Review. Member, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Languages: Turkish.

ADAM J. LEVITT: *admitted:* Illinois; Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Court of Appeals for the First and Seventh Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Illinois, Northern District of Indiana, District of Nebraska, and the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas. *Education:* Columbia College, Columbia University (A.B., *magna cum laude*, 1990); Northwestern University School of Law (J.D., 1993). Member, Chicago, Federal and American Bar Associations; Lawyers for the Creative Arts. Mr. Levitt regularly serves as a moot court judge in the Julius H. Miner Moot Court Competition, Northwestern University School of Law. Author, "An Illinois Lawyer's Guide to Service of Process in Mexico," 82 *Illinois Bar Journal* 434 (1994). In recognition of his achievements to date, Mr. Levitt was named one of the 40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 Years Old to Watch" by the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* and the *Chicago Lawyer*. Mr. Levitt is also the Seventh Circuit contributing editor for the ABA publication *Class Actions & Derivative Suits*. Mr. Levitt specializes in securities, consumer, technology, and agricultural litigation.

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